AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1 (currently amended) Fine particles, comprising:

at least one ~~type~~ polymer selected from the group consisting of a polyolefin ~~or~~ and a polyolefin copolymer; and

at least one ~~type of~~ magnetic material~~;~~ ,

wherein the particles ~~being~~ are substantially spherical particles having a density of 0.9 to 1.5 g/cc and an average particle size of 0.5 μm to 1,000 μm~~;~~ , and

the particles ~~having~~ have a functional group on the particle surface ~~a functional group~~.

2 (currently amended) The fine particles according to Claim 1, wherein the polyolefin is selected from the group consisting of a polypropylene, ~~and/or~~ a polyethylene, and mixtures thereof, and the polyolefin copolymer is selected from the group consisting of a propylene copolymer, ~~and/or~~ an ethylene copolymer, and mixtures thereof.

3 (currently amended) The fine particles according to either Claim 1 or 2, wherein the functional group is at least one ~~type~~ group selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, an amino group, a hydroxyl group, a sulfonic acid group, and a glycidyl group.

4 (currently amended) The fine particles according to Claim 3, wherein the functional group is selected from the group consisting of;

(1) a functional group in a graft polymer formed by subjecting particles to surface graft polymerization,

(2) a functional group bonded to an aliphatic hydrocarbon that ~~has been kneaded with the particles and~~ is present on the particle surface~~, or~~ ; and

(3) a functional group in a ~~monomer that has been~~ comonomeric unit copolymerized into ~~a main chain of~~ the polyolefin copolymer.

5 (currently amended) The fine particles according to any one of Claims 1 to ~~4~~ 2, wherein the average particle size is 1.0 μm to 100 μm.

6 (currently amended) The fine particles according to any one of Claims 1 to ~~5~~ 2, wherein the density is 1.0 to 1.1 g/cc.

7 (currently amended) The fine particles according to any one of Claims 1 to ~~6~~ 2, wherein the magnetic material is a soft magnetic material.

8 (currently amended) The fine particles according to any one of Claims 1 to ~~7~~ 2, wherein the magnetic material is a superparamagnetic substance.

9 (currently amended) The fine particles according to Claim 7, wherein the soft magnetic material is selected from the group consisting of a manganese-zinc ferrite, ~~and/or~~ a nickel-zinc ferrite, and a mixture thereof.

10 (currently amended) The fine particles according to any one of Claims 1 to ~~9~~ 2, wherein the content of the magnetic material is 10 to 25 wt % relative to the total weight of the fine particles.